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NOTICE REGARDING TOWN MEETING RACES

Eleven precincts have new precinct boundaries and will elect 12 Town Meeting Members. The chart identifies how many people previously elected as Town Meeting Members live in each of the new precincts. The seats will be filled by vote order (see note at the end).

Precinct 5	vote for 12	14 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 7	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 8	vote for 12	9 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 9	vote for 12	9 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 10	vote for 12	15 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 11	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 13	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 15	vote for 12	13 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 16	vote for 12	10 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 17	vote for 12	11 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 18	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting

Ten precincts will elect 4 Town Meeting Members for three-year terms. Three of these precincts have a vacancy to fill so voters will elect 5 people. The way we fill the vacancies depends on whether the legislature enacts the legislation Town Meeting proposed.

Precinct 1	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 2	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 3	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 4	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 6	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 12	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 14	vote for 5	5 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 19	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 20	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 21	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting

If the state approves our change before January 26:

The precincts electing seats up for re-election in 2022 will vote for:

NOT MORE THAN FOUR (Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 19, 20); or

NOT MORE THAN FIVE (Precincts 1, 14, 21) to fill the vacancies.

If the state does not approve our change by January 26:

Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21 will vote for:

NOT MORE THAN FOUR;

AND there would be three additional races on the ballot:

Precinct 1 – a seat for 1 year

Precinct 14 – a seat for 2 years

Precinct 21 – a seat for 1 year

Filling seats by vote order. When precinct boundaries change, state law for many years has specified that the winners will be seated in the order of their vote totals: top four seated for three years, next four for two years and the final four seated for one year. This concept was the model for the proposed changes for all future town meeting elections. The Town Clerk will identify the vacancies to be filled and therefore the number of seats on the ballot for each precinct. All candidates from a precinct will be on the ballot and if there are vacancies, they will be filled in the order of vote totals.